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1. Some slight amendments were made by the Constitution Committee at the meet-  
ing held on 27 September 1948. The draft constitution is now approved and  
is being printed at Leipzig.
2. The Volksrat is to be convoked on 1 October 1948 to approve the constitution.  
Towards the end of October the Volksrat will request the Volkskongress to  
ratify it.
3. The original plan was for the Volkskongress then to ratify the Volksrat as  
the government and at the same time to request the S.A. to give its approval  
for the establishment of the German Republic.
4. Tyulpanov has now decided, however, that the Peasant's Party and the National  
Democratic Party must be represented in the Volksrat but that the total repre-  
sentation must not exceed 400 members. This may necessitate an "election" and  
has caused annoyance to the SED.
5. Declaration of the eastern German independent state has now been set for Janu-  
ary 1949, Otto Grotewohl will be the first minister-president.

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